

Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

With the arrival of July I am pleased to say that the 2007-2008 budget has been completed and many of your concerns and requests have been reflected within Mayor Reed's final budget message. While there are many concerns that I look forward to addressing in the coming months, I would like to take a moment to outline some of the accomplishments in this years budget which will benefit residents in District 10 and throughout the City.

As I outlined in my message last month, some of the top priorities from residents in our District included additional police coverage, increased funding to the Neighborhood Watch program, and additional resources to bolster economic growth and development within our City. I am pleased to announce that all of these requests have been acknowledged in the Mayor's June Budget message for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Even with the difficult cuts to our City budget, the City Council made the decision to add 15 police officers to our SJPD force, with a commitment that District 10 will see an increase in beat officers within our borders. In addition, in order to curtail crime in our neighborhoods, my request for additional funding to the Neighborhood Watch program was granted in the form of one reinstated FTE Crime Prevention Specialist and one FTE Police Sergeant to work in the Neighborhood Watch Program in the Crime Prevention Unit. This police sergeant will be deployed from the 15 new officers that were added this year. Many of the community members who attended my 2nd Annual District 10 Budget & Neighborhood Forum outlined these areas as high priorities and I am very pleased that we can now provide more security and additional resources to the residents in our District who spoke out in favor of these budgetary additions.

I am also pleased to say that the City will benefit from increased funding to the Community and Economic Development city service area. We must manage the growth and future of San Jose to encourage a vital economy, create and preserve healthy neighborhoods, increase the number of jobs, and ensure a diverse range of arts, cultural and entertainment options. The Council has specifically directed staff to reinstate two Planner positions to support the efforts of the Community and Economic Development Committee on a monthly basis and determine which elements of the permitting process are not fully cost recovery and report to the Community and Economic Development Committee. In addition, an allocation of \$1,200,000 has been set aside in the 07-08 budget for the Shopping Center Improvement Pilot program that I worked with staff on over this past year.

While I am satisfied with the work we have been able to accomplish in this year's budget process, I am committed to working equally as hard on new and compelling issues that continue to come into my office. I will do my best to represent the needs and desires of each resident and every neighborhood within District 10.

Best Wishes.

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Nancy Pyle Councilmember, District Ten

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Councilmember Nancy Pyle, Mayor Chuck Reed and Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio present Helen Chapman, chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission with a commendation in honor of her 6 years of hard work and dedication on the commission.

Citywide Update

Garbage Service Changes (effective July 2)

Starting July 2, a new team of haulers will be partnering with the City of San José to provide garbage, recycling, yard trimmings, and street sweeping services. Your collection day will stay the same, but collection times during that day will change. Try to place materials out by 6 AM to avoid missed collections. A white truck will collect garbage, and a grey truck will collect recycling. July 4 is a regular collection day and during July only, plan to leave your carts out until 6 PM on the day after your normal collection day. Please remember drivers are learning new streets and trucks and may take longer to cover their routes.

Contact numbers staring July 2:

- Garden City Sanitation, Inc.: missed garbage collection (408) 988-4500
- California Waste Solutions: missed recycling collection (408) 213-7800
- Green Waste: missed yard trimmings collection and street sweeping (408) 283-4800
- City of San José Customer Contact Center (extended hours until July 28): account inquiries, pay bills by phone, change cart size (408) 535-3500 www.sanjoseca.gov/customerservice
- Recycle Plus Information: www.sjrecycles.org

Police Activity

Detectives continue to follow-up on an organized burglary ring. To date, five suspects have been arrested in connection with a burglary spree that plagued the Evergreen and Silver Creek area for nearly a year. The five suspects are responsible for nearly 100 burglaries. Four of the suspects are Mt. Pleasant High School students. The suspects during the early morning hours would enter homes with unlocked windows and take items from the home --- please remember to always lock your doors and windows!

Economic Development Catalyst Program

The Economic Development Catalyst Program has chosen Bentek Manufacturing, Inc. as the first recipient of an investment from its strategic equity investment program. San José-based Bentek, providers of high-complexity subsystems and assemblies to capital equipment manufacturers, will receive \$350,000 in investment capital from the City and \$2,575,000 from co-investors. Bentek represents the ideal company to be supported by the Catalyst fund. It is a healthy company with the potential to experience rapid growth. The Catalyst fund is intended to bridge the sometimes difficult transition from start-up to sustainable long-term success.

Sports Complex Development Update

The Parks and Recreation Commission accepted a staff report and work plan to help identify viable sites to develop into soccer and softball complexes. Staff will be scheduling meetings with property owners and school districts to discuss potential partnerships on joint use. Recommendations will return to Council for consideration in December 2007. The sports complexes development project is funded by Measure P bond funds.

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World Corner for July 2007

In our world this month, the mandate for the U.S. Trade Promotion Authority, which allows the president to strike international trade deals, expires; the Tour de France makes its grand departure from London, then resumes on French soil; and Portugal takes over the EU presidency.

Wednesday, July 4th – **Independence Day**

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